

CHAPTER NO. 25

HOUSE BILL NO. 1947

By Representative Walley

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1953

By Mr. Speaker Wilder

AN ACT to amend Chapter 78 of the Private Acts of 1991; as amended by Chapter 4 of the Private Acts of 1995; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the Town of Rossville.

WHEREAS, the Town of Rossville, Tennessee, desires to increase the term of office for the Mayor and Aldermen to four (4) year terms and to establish staggered terms in order to ensure continuity among the elected officials of the town; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 78 of the Private Acts of 1991, as amended by Chapter 4 of the Private Acts of 1995, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is further amended by deleting Article II, Section 2.01 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 2.01. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the city shall consist of a mayor and six (6) aldermen. The county commissioners of elections shall conduct nonpartisan elections to fill the office of Mayor and Aldermen on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in every even-numbered year. In the city election on the first Tuesday in November, 2000, the mayor shall be elected for a term of four (4) years, the three (3) candidates for aldermen who receive the highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of four (4) years, and the three (3) candidates for aldermen who receive the fourth, fifth and sixth highest number of votes shall be elected for terms of two (2) years. In each and every regular city election thereafter, the Mayor and/or Aldermen shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. Any elector who has been a resident of the Town for at least two (2) years may be qualified as a candidate. If an elector signs more than one (1) petition for Mayor or more petitions than the number of Aldermen to be elected, his signature shall be valid only on the petitions first filed equal to the number to be elected.

Each elector shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate for Mayor. Each elector shall be entitled to vote for the number of Aldermen to be elected. If there is a tie vote for the position of mayor, a run-off election shall be held to determine the winner. If there is a tie vote for Aldermen, the incumbent board shall determine which of the candidates shall serve. The terms of the office of the mayor and aldermen shall begin at the regular board meeting next following their election and they shall serve until their successors have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 2. The terms of office of the incumbent Mayor and Aldermen on the effective date of this act shall be extended until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in Section 2.01 of this Charter as amended by this act. If a vacancy occurs in any of such offices during the period such terms are extended, a qualified person shall be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in Section 2.06 of this Charter.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Legislative Body of the Town of Rossville. Its approval or non-approval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Board of Mayor and Alderman and certified to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 3.

PASSED: May 6, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12th day of May 1999



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